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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA-SECOND COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENT (ITEM 62)

1. SUMMARY. SWEDEN SUGGESTED HABITAT INSTITUTIONAL
ARRANGEMENTS DEBATE FOCUS ON TEXT WHERE THERE
ALREADY EXISTS CONSIDERABLE CONVERGENCE OF
VIEWS; JAPAN SUPPORTS LEAVING WHATEVER HABITAT
SECRETARIAT EMERGES IN NEW YORK, WITH INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL BODY REPORTING TO ECOSOC; FRANCE AND IRAN
STRADDLE THE FENCE; LIBYA SUPPORTS THE ITALIAN
UNEP APPROACH. ON DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE
FOLLOW-UP, JAPAN INDICATED IT DOES NOT SUPPORT
CENTRAL UNEP ROLE, SPECIAL ACCOUNT OR CONCEPT
OF INTERNATIONAL TAXATION AS POSSIBLE FUNDING
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MECHANISM. REGARDING DESERTIFICATION, SWEDEN
INDICATED SUPPORT FOR AN AD HOC CONSULTATIVE
GROUP BUT NOT A SPECIAL ACCOUNT. LIBYANS WANT INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON REMNANTS OF WAR. END SUMMARY.

2. DEBATE CONTINUED ON OCTOBER 19 UNDER ITEM 62 WITH
STATEMENTS BY SWEDEN, JAPAN, IRAN, LIBYA, CMEA, FRANCE, CEC,

GDR, UKRAINE SSR, SUDAN, MALAYSIA AND TOGO.

3. ON THE QUESTION HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INSTITUTIONAL FOLLOW-UP, SWEDEN SUGGESTED THAT DELS SHOW FLEXIBILITY IN CONSIDERING THE TEXT WHERE THERE IS ALREADY CONSIDERABLE CONVERGENCE OF VIEWS (TANSLATE AS THE ECOSOC DRAFT RES CONTAINED IN DOC A/32/262). WITH REGARD TO THE DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE, WHILE GOS PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE UNEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CONVENING A BROADER AD HOC CONSULTATIVE GROUP THEY WERE NOT CONVINCED OF THE ADVISABILITY OF A NEW SPECIAL ACCOUNT. ON OTHER MATTERS SWEDEN, A) PLEDGED A CONTRIBTUION OF ABOUT \$7.5 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS EQUALLING 5PERCENT OF THE ARGET OF \$150 MILLION FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND; AND B) INDICATED THAT WHILE THEY SUPPORTED CONTINUED ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF MATERIAL REMNANTS OF WAR BY COMPETENT UN BODIES, THEY DID NOT SEE THIS IN THE MAINSTREAM OF THE UNEP PROGRAM.

4. JAPAN LIMITED ITS REMARKS TO TWO SPECIFIC ISSUES, I.E.HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP. ON HABITAT, THEY INDICATED THAT THE DRAFT TEXT AS CONTAINED IN A/32/262 COULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION, THAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESTRUCTURING HAVE SOME BEARING ON HABITAT DELIBERATIONS, AND THAT THE CONCEPT OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IS INTIMATELY CONNECTED WITH SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND NOT PRIMARILY WITH ENVIRONMENT. GIVEN THE AFORESAID THEY WOULD SUPPORT A DECISION WHICH WOULD HAVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODY REPORT TO ECOSOC, HEADQUARTER THE INSTITUTION SECRETARIAT AS THE CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING (CHBP) IN NEW YORK (ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE RESTRUCTURING REPORT) AND HAVE THE HABITAT FOUNDATION CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN NAIROBI, ALTHOUGH CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHBP. AS TO THE DESERTIFICATION CONFERENCE, THE GOJ DOES NOT BELIEVE UNEP SHOULD EXECUTE PROGRAMS BUT RATHER COODINATE AND THEREFORE THEY SHOULD NOT PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DESERTIFICATION PLAN OF ACTION. THE GOJ DOES NOT SUPPORT ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL ACCOUNT, WHICH THEY CONSIDER CONTAINS DIPLICATIONS WITH THE CONCEPT OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP. (THEY WOULD ACCEPT THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT BUT SPECIFICALLY PREFER THE US RECOMMENDATION MADE AT THE CONFERENCE, TO REVIEW EXISTING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND

PROGRAMS FIRST.) THE GOJ EXPRESSED DIFFICULTIES
WITH USING SOME KIND OF INTERNATIONAL TAXATION
SCHEMES TO FUND DESERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES.

5. LIBYA SPOKE TO THE MATERIAL REMNANTS OF WAR
REPORT CALLING FOR AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE
IN THE NEAREST POSSIBLE TIME AND DISCOUNTING
ARGUMENTS SUGGESTING THIS SUBJECT BE LIMITED TO
BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. ON HABITAT, THEY SUPPORT
THE ITALIAN TOTAL UNEP SOLUTION.

6. FRANCE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO MAKE BEST POS-
SIBLE USE OF EXISTING BODIES AND THEREFORE AGREED
TO THE SELECTION OF UNEP AS THE RESPONSIBLE BODY
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FOR DESERTIFICATION FOLLOW-UP. THEY DID NOT AGREE
WITH THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL ACCOUNT. REGARDING
HABITAT, THEY STATED THAT "THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL
REQUIRES CAREFUL STUDY" TYING THE POSSIBLE USE OF
UNEP AS THE SECRETARIAT TO THEIR ARGUMENTS FOR USING
EXISTING BODIES.

(FYI. FRENCH DEL INDICATED THEY WERE FENCE STRAD-
DLING AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS, BUT
STATEMENT SOUNDED STRONGER. END FYI)

7. IRAN - GOI INDICATED ITS DOUBLING OF CONTRIBUTION
TO THE ENVIRONMENT FUND, TO \$100 THOUSAND, AND
TILTED SLIGHTLY IN FAVOR OF A UNEP HABITAT SOLUTION.

8. EASTERN EUROPEANS INCLUDING CMEA, UKRAINE SSR
GDR GAVE CONVENTIONAL EASTERN BLOC STATEMENTS.
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